

REMARKS

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated May 13, 2011. Claim 1 has been amended, and claims 1-8, 10-16 and 34-39 remain pending in this application. The allowance of claims 12 and 34-39 is noted and appreciated.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments and additions to the claims are fully supported by the specification, as originally filed, and that no new matter has been added. Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Interview Summary

The Applicants would like to thank Examiner Riggelman for the courtesies extended to their representatives, Steven E. Jedlinski and David M. Thimmig, during the telephonic interview conducted on July 7, 2011. The interview included discussions regarding the patentability of claims 1-8, 10-11 and 13-16, with emphasis on independent claim 1, over the cited prior art (U.S. Patent No. 4,697,464 to *Martin*, U.S. Patent No. 4,706,158 to *Weber*, and German Publication No. DD227568A to *Moller*. Applicants' representatives noted and the examiner agreed there is a "hole" between the cited prior art and the claims. More particularly, the representatives noted that the prior art simply does not teach or disclose a pressure washer with a diagnostic circuit comprising a plurality of operational amplifiers that use a voltage drop over the power cord to determine the presence of different operation conditions and display the presence of the operation condition using indicator lights on the indication panel.

During the interview it was agreed that the amendment to claim 1 (as currently amended) would overcome the current rejection. Because dependent claims 2-8, 10-11 and 13-16 depend from allowable independent claim 1 and add further limitations thereto, each of these claims also should be allowable.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, in addition to the previously allowed claims 12 and 34-39, it is believed that claims 1-8, 10-11 and 13-16 also patentably distinguish over the prior art.

It is believed that no fees are due with this reply. However, if a fee should be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Cook Alex Ltd.'s Deposit Account No. 50-1039.

It is submitted that the above amendments place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (312) 334-8579 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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